

State Revolving Fund Loan Programs Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

CITY OF MISHAWAKA
Purchase of Three Emergency Generators
and
Planning and Designing the Rehabilitation of Two Lift Stations

Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) Addendum #3 SRF # WW09 36 71 03

Date: Aug 1, 2012

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the city's PER Addendum #3 received by the SRF on July 11, 2012 will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

How were environmental issues considered?

The National Environmental Policy Act requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision making process. A summary of the project is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement.

Why is additional environmental review not required?

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action.

How do I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted to:

Max Henschen, Senior Environmental Manager SRF Programs 317-232-8623; mhensche at ifa.in.gov

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address:

Purchase of Three Emergency Generators and

Planning & Designing the Rehabilitation of

Two Lift Stations

Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #3

City of Mishawaka Board of Public Works 600 East Third Street

Mishawaka, IN 46546-0363

SRF Project Number:

WW 09 36 71 03

Authorized Representative:

Mr. Gary E. West, President

Board of Public Works and Safety

II. PROJECT LOCATION

No construction is associated with these projects.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The proposed projects will (1) purchase three permanent emergency generators for the Carriage Lane, Winding Brook and South Hampton lift stations, and (2) plan and design the rehabilitation of the deteriorating Carriage Lane and Winding Brook lift stations.

The "No Action" alternative was rejected since the Carriage Lane and Winding Brook lift stations would continue to deteriorate, causing high maintenance costs and unreliable operation. And these stations, as well as the South Hampton lift station, will stop operating during power outages if they do not have emergency backup power.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

Mishawaka closed a loan with the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program on January 28, 2010 for \$4,796,000. The city will draw from the \$183,626 loan balance to pay the estimated cost of \$137,150 for these projects.

V. Environmental Impacts of the Feasible Alternatives

These projects do not require construction. Consistent with the implementing regulations of the National Historic Preservation Act, the SRF has determined that the proposed undertaking is not a type of activity that has the potential to cause effects to historic properties.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A notice was placed in the Mishawaka Enterprise on July 19, 2012, and in the South Bend Tribune on July 16, 2012, describing these projects.